An historic event which attracted national attention took place at the Ninety Six depot on October 3, 1856. Special trains were run from Columbia and Greenville to Ninety Six for a gathering honoring Preston Smith Brooks, the former congressman who was running for reelection. Eighteen months earlier Congressman Brooks had cane-whipped Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts for making insulting remarks about his cousin, Senator Andrew Pickens Butler. Numerous newspaper reporters were there to cover the meeting, including one from the New York Times. The thousands in attendance not only endorsed Brooks' flogging of Sumner, but expressed outspoken support for a much bigger issue that was then fermenting in South Carolina--~~succession.~~ SECESSION

The historic Ninety Six depot is a symbol of a bygone era that the Town of Ninety Six had the foresight to preserve. It still provides service to the community!